



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$18 Million To Train 11,726 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – Today the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP) approved 50 contracts totaling over \$18 million in job training funds, which will provide training to 11,726 California workers for quality jobs in a broad range of industries.

The Panel awarded a \$944,136 job training contract to The Neil Jones Food Company, dba Toma Tek, Inc. (NJFC) to train and upgrade 423 employees in an effort to move the company's Firebaugh facility into a high performance workplace and maintain a competitive position in the industry. NJFC, which also includes San Benito Foods, was founded in Hollister in 1915, and today is a leading producer of a myriad of industrial and institutional tomato products, employing approximately 1,550 workers throughout California during the peak agricultural tomato growing/processing season.

"As food industry competition increases, the need for California to support its manufacturers, distributors and operators in this sector has never been greater," said Brian McMahon, ETP's Executive Director. "ETP is committed to invest in California companies like NJFC to assist them in enhancing the skills of their workforce and strengthening their competitive position."

"Programs such as ETP are so needed by manufacturers in order to meet the challenges of new technology year after year," said Matt Jones, COO of Neil Jones Food Company. "As we continue to invest in our infrastructure, we must be able to invest in our most important asset – our workers, and ETP training funds will allow us to do just that."

For further information regarding NJFC, contact Rick Palmer, Plant Manager or Matt Jones, COO at (559) 659-1601.

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of job skills training that is necessary to maintain high-performance workplaces. California's ETP is a performance-based program, providing funds for trainees who successfully complete approved training programs and are retained in well-paying jobs for a specific period of time.

The program is funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, and targets firms threatened by out-of-state and international competition. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided over \$1 billion to train more than 760,000 workers in over 65,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects true public-private partnerships.

To view copies of the proposals considered by the Panel at its most recent meeting, visit the ETP website at <http://www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm>. For more information about the ETP program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5261.

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**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
March 28, 2008**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
AAA Business Supplies & Interiors, Inc.	San Francisco	\$ 38,456
AeA	Statewide	\$ 604,800
ArthroCare Corporation	Santa Clara, Orange	\$ 182,841
Baycorr Packaging, dba Heritage Paper	Alameda, San Joaquin, Fresno	\$ 189,504
BMC Software, Inc.	Santa Clara, Alameda, Orange	\$ 504,000
Davis Instruments Corporation	Alameda	\$ 95,256
MemoryTen, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 132,288
Private Eyes, Inc.	Contra Costa	\$ 52,800
Spectra Laboratories, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 157,290
The Olivia Companies, L.L.C.	San Francisco	\$ 132,000
Virgin America, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 7,038,770
Xilinx, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 385,560
Carrington Mortgage Services, L.L.C	Orange	\$ 274,275
Cumming Construction Management, Inc., dba Cumming Corporation	Riverside, San Diego, Orange Los Angeles, Sacramento, Alameda	\$ 298,080
Ceridian Tax Services, Inc.	Orange	\$ 325,500
Ferguson Pape Baldwin Architects Inc.	San Diego	\$ 23,760
Microdyne Plastics, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 49,686
DK Global, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 26,400
Q.P.E. Technical Institute	Los Angeles, San Bernardino Riverside, Orange	\$ 419,188
Riverside County Economic Development Agency	Riverside, San Bernardino	\$ 495,450
Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, dba, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce	San Diego	\$ 69,290
Specialty Minerals, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 274,050
Accratronics Seals Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 65,520
Advanced Bionics, L.L.C	Los Angeles	\$ 295,200
Budlong and Associates, Inc.	Ventura	\$ 16,900
Barton Brands of California, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 14,580
Burbank Steel Treating, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 39,780
California Distribution	Los Angeles	\$ 44,330
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Ventura	\$ 91,584
International Energy Services Compay, dba IESCO, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 250,035
Hi-Shear Corporation, dba LISI Aerospace	Los Angeles	\$ 898,560

Los Angeles Opportunities Industrialization Center	Los Angeles	\$ 198,300
Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services	Los Angeles	\$ 200,294
Riviera, Inc., dba The Enterprise U	Statewide	\$ 248,620
Senor Snacks, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 61,360
California Retreaders, Inc.	Fresno	\$ 182,540
Cancer Care Associates of Fresno Medical Group, Inc.	Fresno	\$ 95,700
Comtek Computer Systems, Inc.	Placer, Sacramento`	\$ 381,600
Connecticut General Life Insurance Company	Tulare, Alameda, Orange Los Angeles, San Diego	\$ 360,450
Del Monte Corporation	Statewide	\$ 482,670
Frito-Lay, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 1,155,600
Island Pacific, Inc., dba Retail Pro	Sacramento, San Diego	\$ 151,200
Nick Sciabica and Sons	Stanislaus	\$ 31,200
Michael J. Stoiber	Contra Costa	\$ 3,960
Monighan & Associates, dba Monighan Design	Sacramento	\$ 8,112
Northern California Teamsters Apprentice Training & Education Trust Fund	Statewide	\$ 144,680
TFI/EPI, L.L.C	Butte	\$ 27,360
The Neil Jones Food Company, dba TomaTek, Inc.	Fresno	\$ 944,136
The Fulfillment Center, Inc.	Napa, Santa Clara	\$ 34,320